

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, there is an urgent need for genuine multilateral action to eliminate
2 weapons of mass destruction worldwide; and
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4 **Whereas**, most governments around the world oppose unilateral action regarding
5 Iraq and support the full pursuit of diplomatic resolutions and weapons inspections before any
6 further military action is taken against Iraq; and
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8 **Whereas**, a war with Iraq will jeopardize the lives of American soldiers and will
9 kill many innocent Iraqi civilians who have already suffered enormously under Saddam Hussein's
10 rule and sanctions of the United Nations; and
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12 **Whereas**, a United States military attack on Iraq threatens the stability of the
13 Middle East region; and
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15 **Whereas**, military action will likely result in a long-term United States military
16 presence; and
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18 **Whereas**, conflict in the area may result in the widespread destruction of the
19 environment and the civilian infrastructure of Iraq; and
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21 **Whereas**, military expenditures will cause ballooning federal budget deficits,
22 further weakening an already sluggish economy and ensuring reductions in federal aid to the
23 State of Missouri and other States; and

24 **Whereas**, the State of Missouri is suffering from a fiscal crisis such that its ability
25 to stabilize the taxes of the people of the State is being threatened, and programs that benefit
26 working people and the poor are being threatened by severe budget cuts; and
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28 **Whereas**, a war in Iraq is estimated to cost the United States taxpayers more than
29 one hundred billion dollars, including millions of dollars from Missouri taxpayers, an amount
30 that could go a long way to meeting Missouri's health and education needs; and
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32 **Whereas**, if the United States goes to war with Iraq, this resolution should in no
33 way be interpreted as not supporting our troops, and we, the members of the Missouri General
34 Assembly, stand in full and unwavering support of our brave men and women of the Armed
35 Forces whenever they are called into action:
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37 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the Missouri House
38 of Representatives of the Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
39 concurring therein, hereby respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States
40 support the full pursuit of diplomatic resolutions and weapons inspections; and
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42 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
43 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
44 President George W. Bush and each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.